

10 March 1980

## RESERVE RELEASE ACTION PLAN

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Complete Gulf Bureau activation and enhance staff to include coverage of Soviet regional radios	A. MODE approvals (PO/RA)	
	B. Recruit non-staff monitors (6), teletypist (1) (AC/Ops)	Recruitment in London, Ankara, Karachi to be completed by 4 April. EOD's 6-8 weeks later.
	C. Procure equipment (C/EDSS)	Will obligate <input type="text"/> by 1 April. Remainder <input type="text"/> to be obligated by 1 June.
	D. Assign additional staff editor (AC/Ops)	Targeted for September. New editor being sought via vacancy notice, special advertising, recruitment trips.
2. Islamabad recording unit	A. Acquire State/host government approval (AD/FBIS, AC/Ops)	
	B. MODE approvals (PO/RA)	

Attachment A

- C. Recruit non-staff monitors (6),  
associate editor (1),  
teletypist (1) (AC/Ops) See 1.B. above for monitor recruiting.  
Associate editor and teleop to be  
recruited by C/London in August.
- D. Site identification and  
preparation (AC/Ops) Engineer [ ] will TDY to  
Islamabad April/May. STAT
- E. Procure equipment (C/EDSS) \$135K to be obligated by 1 April.  
Remainder (\$65K) after site survey.
- F. Assign staff engineer to  
Islamabad (AC/Ops) Recruiting underway. Vacancy notice  
to be issued by 17 March.
- G. Recruit non-staff techs in  
Islamabad (2) (AC/Ops) [ ] will initiate recruitment  
during survey TDY. STAT
- H. Acquire Islamabad/U.K. dedicated  
commo lines (AC/Ops) Upon approval for operation, [ ] STAT  
would procure Islamabad tails,  
[ ] London tails, and [ ] STAT  
satellite circuits.
- I. Contract for engineering study  
for remote monitoring system via  
USG satellite (C/EDSS) Contract will concentrate on  
digitizing. Will be let by 1 July.
- J. Add B&F officer at Hqs (C/E&PS)

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|   | K. Assign staff editor to London Bureau (AC/Ops)            | Scheduled September.   |
|   | L. Add editor at Hqs (C/DRD)                                | Scheduled September.   |
|   | M. Rent office space in U.K. (AC/Ops)                       | C/London to identify and implement by 30 August. Renting, modifications, trailer are possible options. |
| 3. Remote-controlled monitoring facility in Cyprus        | A. GOC approval (C/Nicosia, AC/Ops)                         | If positive indication not received by 7 April, implement alternate plan (Alexandria).                 |
|   | B. MODE approvals (PO/RA)                                   | Contingent on above  |
|   | C. Procure lines (AC/Ops)                                   | Contingent on above  |
|   | D. Procure equipment (C/EDSS)                               | Contingent on above (c. \$100K)  |
|   | E. Recruit additional FN employees (3) (AC/Ops)             | Contingent on above  |
| or<br>lacking GOC approval                                |   |  |
| Establish remote-monitoring facility in Alexandria, Egypt | A. Acquire State/host government approval (AD/FBIS, AC/Ops) |  |

- B. Conduct reception survey [ ] tentatively scheduled to conduct survey in mid-April. FCS currently working on data. Results by 15 May. STAT
- C. Procure dedicated phone lines (AC/Ops) [ ] will check on availability of leased circuits from Alexandria to Cyprus or London. STAT
- D. Procure equipment (C/EDSS) Contingent on above (\$100K)
- E. Recruit local contractors (AC/Ops) Contingent on above
4. Technical upgrading of Nicosia, Tel Aviv, Jordan bureaus
- A. Assign project officer (AC/Ops) [ ] is EDSS project officer. STAT
- B. Procure equipment (C/EDSS) \$150K to be obligated by 1 April. Remainder, based on [ ] TDY and ORD survey results, to be obligated by 15 June. STAT
- C. TDY support (C/EDSS) Follow-up TDY's to bureaus by regional engineer.

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| 5. Monitoring of Soviet satellite facsimile and TV broadcasts | D. Obtain MODE approval for additional staff position in Tel Aviv (PO/RA) |   |
|   | E. Assign staff cruising officer to Tel Aviv (AC/Ops)                     | By September. FCS is recruiting.  |
|   | A. Contract engineering support (C/EDSS)                                  | Telcom under contract, working on system design. Critical design review 15 April; facsimile system design 1 May. (\$100K)   |
|   | B. MODE approvals (PO/RA)   | FBIS/BBC coordination and site survey selection early April.  |
|   | C. Site survey (C/EDSS)   | <div data-bbox="1045 1535 1159 1568" style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 70px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></div> is project officer. |
|   | D. Procure equipment (C/EDSS)   | Basic receiving equipment procurement by 15 May (\$175K). FAX procurement by 15 July (\$125K).  |
|   | E. (FY 1981) Install system, recruit and assign engineers (2) (AC/Ops)    | STAT  |

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| 6. Middle East, Southwest Asia roundup                                       | A. MODE approvals (PO/RA)<br>B. Assign editor to London Bureau (AC/Ops)<br>C. Recruit FN associate (C/London)  | Targeted for July 1980.<br><br>July 1980. |
| 7. Enhanced media analysis   | A. Recruit, hire analysts (2) (C/AG)   |   |
| 8. Coverage of published media of Muslim countries and Soviet Muslim regions | A. Recruit, hire language officers (11) (C/Prod)<br>B. Arrange assignment of additional admin support officer (1) (C/Admin)<br>C. Recruit additional contract translators (C/Prod)<br>D. Rent office space (C/Prod, C/Admin) |   |
| 9. Automate ComCenter, Wire, ME and USSR Daily Reports                       | See <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> paper.  |   |

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Attachment B

The Honorable David D. Newsom  
Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Dave:

At the urgent request of the White House and National Security Council, the Intelligence Community has been tasked with improving intelligence collection on the Muslim World. A supplemental appropriation has been granted by Congress to effect this increased coverage.

Of particular interest to our Agency is the requirement for the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) to significantly increase its coverage of open media in ~~the~~ the so-called "arc of crisis" area <sup>of</sup> ~~in~~ the Middle East. Meeting these new requirements will require increases in FBIS staff and foreign national positions overseas, with the consequent need for MODE approvals.

Current FBIS plans would require additions of 2 staff and 11 foreign national positions at its London Bureau located in Caversham; 1 staff and 7 foreign national positions at its Gulf Bureau in Manama, Bahrain; 1 staff and 2 foreign national positions in Islamabad; 1 staff position in Tel Aviv; and 3 foreign national positions in either Cyprus or Alexandria, Egypt.

These position increases will, of course, require MODE approvals from the Chiefs of Missions in each area involved. We will be operating on a tight schedule, since

the requirements levied on us call for a response this fiscal year. Mindful of the excellent support you and the Department have provided us in the past, I again ask your help in securing the necessary approvals from the Ambassadors concerned.

FBIS management will be pleased to meet with appropriate Department officers to work out the details of these arrangements. Our focal point is [redacted] Deputy Director, FBIS who can be reached on [redacted] I appreciate any assistance you can provide in getting things moving.

Warmest regards,

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